

Mr. Michael J. Wilhelm
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Wireless Telecommunications Commission
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Mr. Wilhelm:

In consideration of the Eighth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the California Highway Patrol opposes the proposed rulemaking and continues to support the existing National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) plan.

The CHP would like to reiterate that much effort has been made on behalf of the various Regional Planning Committees which describes the process of how the narrowband 700MHz channels will be used, etc. In particular, the 700MHz plan for Regional Planning Committee 5 (So. CA) has already been approved by the Federal Communications Commission; any changes would necessitate that Regional Planning Committee go through the process of refiling.

Additionally, manufacturers of 700/800MHz dual band radios have already shipped approximately 500,000 portable and mobile radios programmed with the narrowband channels. The firmware would have to be changed, at the expense of the public safety agency that purchased the equipment, which could prove to be cost prohibitive to those public safety agencies.

Respectfully submitted,